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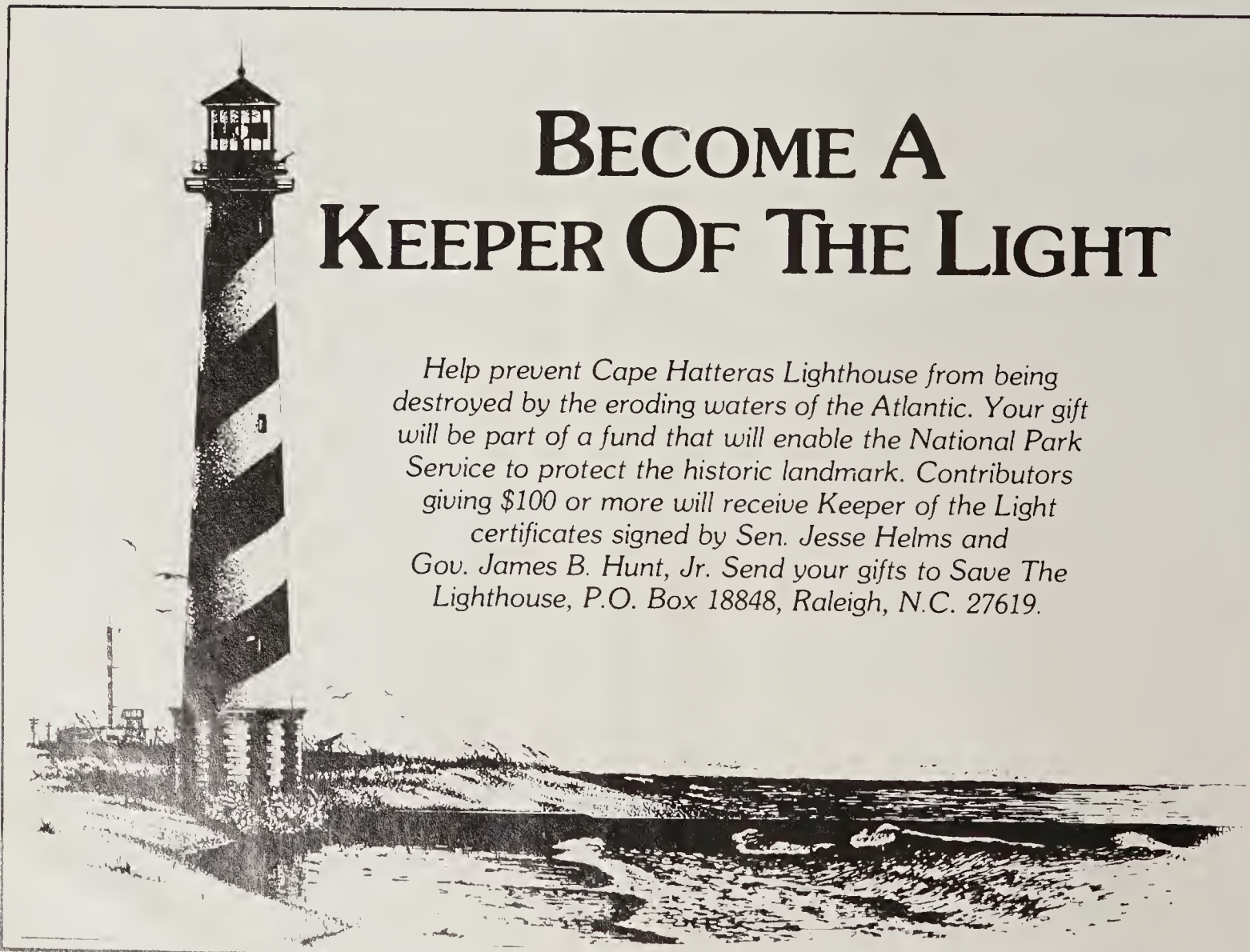


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Teachers: You Get What You Pay For

"We have to have 10 percent of all college graduates to man the schools," says Phillip C. Schlechty, associate dean of education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"If you want that 10 percent to come from the upper half of college graduates, you're going to have to make the salary structure and the occupational structure competitive." Schlechty's observation commands the legislature's attention. It meshes only with common sense, and it's backed by sound research.

It's not bad enough that education attracts far more than its share of graduates from the lowest 40 percent of academic ability and far less than its share of top students. Worse, the best qualified are the most likely to leave the profession. Schlechty and Victor S. Vance of Campbell University found in a study for the National Institute of Education that 70 percent of the young teachers surveyed who expected to be teaching at 30 years old scored below average on the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

Further, the schools no longer own a competitive market of talented women and minorities who once taught because few other professional opportunities were available. Now members of those groups have a broad choice of human services occupations at higher salaries and status.

Financially, North Carolina teachers have fared worse than their counterparts in other states. North Carolina ranked 18th in teachers' pay in 1974-75. Last year it ranked 33rd, and the state's standing may tumble further since teachers will receive no pay raise this year.

Moreover, the problem is not simply low salaries. Teachers are not accorded the professional status of other occupations that require comparable education. They are oversupervised, Schlechty says. There is little opportunity for professional advancement, and salaries tend to peak out at mid-career.

Raising standards is a worthy cause, but it does not offer a solution to the problem Schlechty identifies. If prospective teachers who failed to make the average freshman score on the SAT were screened out, 70 percent of the teachers in Schlechty's study would be eliminated. The result would

be a severe teacher shortage.

Some of the problems have to be addressed administratively and with a re-evaluation of the inner workings of the educational system. By comparison, the salary problem is simple. A large amount of money would be required to raise teachers' salaries to appropriate levels.

But the question facing legislators—and taxpayers—is this: Will North Carolina pay the bill for adequate salaries now, or will it bear the burden of a generation of children who fail to reach their intellectual and economic potential?

—Raleigh News & Observer



Ma Bell: Maybe She's Human After All

Ma Bell got some unwanted publicity recently when the wire services distributed a story about a misprint in the Atlanta phone book's yellow pages.

The book listed a number for "Drop Inc.," which should have been listed for Jos. A. Bank Clothiers. The store had asked Southern Bell to drop the "Inc." from its name in the yellow pages entry.

Saying the snafu shows the phone company is "human after all," the clothiers responded with a newspaper ad titled "272-7100" Forgives You, Southern Bell."

"How can we stay angry," says the ad, "when you brought our real name before millions of readers, viewers and listeners all over the country?"

It concluded: "But be on notice. If we turn up next year as 'Drop Drop Inc.,' no more Mr. Nice Guy and don't print that either."

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WASHINGTON SCENE

This is the first installment of a new regular feature in Carolina Country which offers analysis of developments and issues currently under scrutiny in the nation's capital.

Elections Casting Shadows Over Lawmakers' Decisions

As Congress marches through the process of creating a budget for budget year 1983, which actually starts in October of this year, the thought uppermost in the minds of most members can be summed up in one word: Votes.

With one-third of the Senate and all members of the House of Representatives facing elections in November, votes are cast and positions taken with eyes focused on the ballot boxes.

Special interest groups are all over Capitol Hill, seeking to protect their own programs and some members of Congress are remarkably frank about their reaction to such arm twisting.

A congressman from Delaware is an example. A measure was proposed which would have charged fees to boat owners.

"I've got 30,000 boat owners in my district," the congressman said. "I'm not about to vote for that tax."

The belief on Capitol Hill (and all over Washington), is that Americans are watching the federal budget more closely than at any time in memory.

There's a reason for this: most economists say that federal deficits, which trigger large borrowing by the government, are responsible for the high interest rates, which are paralyzing the national economy. And the 1983 deficit, in the budget bill that Congress has passed, will top \$100 billion, the largest in the country's history.

This means that farmers wanting to buy machinery, consumers seeking to buy cars, and those desiring to purchase homes, will continue to

face 15 to 20 percent or higher interest rates. For the first time in history, the government may borrow more than 50 percent of the money that is available for credit. This creates a great demand for what is left.

Even though Congress has approved a budget, this doesn't mean that the nation can be confident of what the ultimate consequences will be.

Congress specified that some \$21 billion in additional taxes must be found next year. It also mandated some \$13 billion cuts in domestic programs. But it didn't exactly say how it should be done.

This means money committees in the Congress will now have to wrestle with the question of where the taxes shall be found and the cuts made. With all of the pressure from those lobbying groups, a lot of committee members are going to be reluctant to make the hard choices in committees. •

Leaf Support Program Sails Through Congress

Despite some vigorous opposition, the tobacco support program sailed through both houses of Congress and should be in place for the marketing season this year.

Farmers will find that they will have to pay about three cents a pound which will go into a fund to pay for stockpiling tobacco that is not sold and is put into government storage.

The bill also alters the allotment system by allowing non-farming individuals to retain their government growing permits, but requires schools, churches, corporations and other institutions to surrender their allotments.

It was a hard fight in the Senate and some amendments offered by opponents were narrowly beaten, but the final vote was 77 to 15, a much larger majority than the 57 to 42 vote last year.

The main argument pro-tobacco forces used was that the changes

make the program free of government subsidy.

Seventh District Rep. Charles F. Wicks led the floor fight in the House, Sen. Jesse Helms managed the bill in the Senate. •

G.O.P. Candidates Worried About Slow Economic Recovery

The nation's economic recovery seems to be taking a bit longer than the administration had predicted and Republicans are beginning to get concerned as they eye the November elections.

A headline in a recent *New York Times* read: "Analysts say G.O.P. needs quick signs of economic growth. They say party faces losses on congressional elections without fast recovery."

Then came reports that Reagan aides are conceding that there may have to be reductions in the sacred defense budget.

In June, wholesale price inflation jumped to a 13.3 percent annual rate and consumer prices returned to double digit inflation, on an annual basis.

The Federal Reserve has reported that U.S. factories operated at only 69.8 percent of capacity in June, the lowest in more than seven years. In addition, the board noted that business failures are more than 50 percent above last year's levels.

Capitol Notes: Leaders of the conservatives were quick to react to the resignation of Alexander Haig as secretary of state, which caught Washington by surprise. They didn't like Haig, thought he wasn't hard line enough and too much in the Henry Kissinger mold. But they do like George Shultz, the man Reagan picked as his successor. Howard Phillips, who heads a large conservative group, put it more bluntly in speaking of the two men: "Just because you don't like arsenic," he said "doesn't mean that you have to like cyanide"

A little down home humor was injected into the budget battle by Rep. W. G. (Bill) Hefner of North Carolina. The budgets submitted by both the GOP and Democrats were "so bad," Hefner said, they reminded him of a baby, "that was so ugly they had to tie a pork chop around his neck so the dogs would play with him." •

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Perquimans County Sets Indian Summer Festival

The 1982 Indian Summer Festival, sponsored by the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for Sept. 16-18 in Hertford.

The festivities will include farm-city exhibits, tours of homes, outdoor drama, a street dance, arts and crafts show and sale, a run-a-thon, entertainment and food.

Founding EMC Director Given Posthumous Honor

The Board of Directors of Edgecombe-Martin County Electric Membership Corporation, Tarboro, recently paid tribute to one of the co-op's founding directors who died in May.

In a resolution, the board cited R.V. Knight of Tarboro as "the foremost pioneer of record in the organization of this cooperative, having presented a petition to the Tarboro Board of Commissioners for rural electric service on June 11, 1934."

Knight was one of five incorporators of the EMC and served on its board 44 years including three terms as president. He retired from the board in March, 1980, and was elected to a lifetime post of director emeritus.

Cover Painting By Paul Roger Lucas

This oil-on-canvas painting, titled *Peaches*, is the work of Paul Roger Lucas of Randolph County.

Largely self-taught, the artist received some basic art training at Randolph Technical Institute in Asheboro before beginning serious painting about six years ago. His work has since won awards in local art competitions.

Lucas is a carpenter for his brother's construction company and works on weekends at an Asheboro florist shop.

The resolution praised Knight for "always giving unselfishly and untiringly" to the state and national rural electrification program.

Fair Sets Fun Fest For Senior Citizens

Singing, square dancing and special recognitions will be part of the 20th Annual Senior Citizens Fun Festival at the North Carolina State Fair on Monday, October 18.

Busloads of older North Carolinians from all parts of the state are expected for the festival, which will attract thousands of people to Dorton Arena. The program will begin at 10:30 a.m. In addition to the groups, other individuals 65 and older will also receive free admission and can join the program in the Arena.

Engraved plaques will be awarded to the oldest North Carolinian attending and to the one traveling the greatest distance to the fairgrounds.

Following the program, the traditional "Senior Citizens Walk" on the fairgrounds will conclude the event.

Groups or individuals interested in participating in the Senior Citizens Fun Festival who need more information should contact Superintendent Frank H. Jeter, Jr., 1321 Williamson Drive, Raleigh, N.C. 27608.

Booklet Focuses On All-Black Community

A new booklet published by the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources outlines the problems that faced an all-black community of freedmen on the Trent River following the Civil War.

The community was James City, which was formed in March, 1862, following the capture of New Bern by Union forces. U.S. Army chaplain Horace James established the camp for freedmen, which became Trent River Camp and later James City, in honor of the founder.

The 113-page publication, titled

James City: A Black Community In North Carolina, 1863-1900, was written by Joe A. Mobley, researcher with the archaeology and historic preservation section of the Department of Cultural Resources.

The publication is available for \$3 per copy plus \$1 for postage by writing the department's Publications Section, 109 E. Jones St., Raleigh, N.C. 27611

Fair To Feature Hot Air Balloon

Hot air balloon rides will be one of the highlights of the Second Annual Ashe County Fair, Sept. 11-12.

Rides in the balloon will be limited, of course, but fair officials plan to offer as many trips as time will allow.

Also on the agenda for the fair will be lots of music, food, carnival rides, an arts and crafts exhibit, clowns and jugglers.

A home economics competition will feature contests for best garden vegetables, canning, baking and original recipes.

The fair will be held at Ashe County Park in Jefferson.

Newspaper Clippings: How To Preserve Them

Are those old newspaper clippings that you've been holding on to for so many years turning yellow and threatening to crumble?

Experts at the National Archives, who have the same problem, suggest the following method of preserving old newspapers:

Mix 2 teaspoons of magnesium carbonate and a quart of club soda in a large plastic dish. Sandwich the clippings between two pieces of screen of Pellon, a material sold in most fabric stores. Soak for 30 minutes.

Mop up excess liquid with blotting paper and allow to dry overnight on more blotting paper. After using the preservation technique, store the

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appings in a well-sealed flat plastic
g. They should keep forever.

MC's Directors et New Terms

Three incumbent directors of
**ndolph Electric Membership
orporation**, Asheboro, were re-
ected during the EMC's recent
nual meeting.
They were Henry Allen of Rt. 2,
oy; Dolan Surratt of Rt. 3, Denton
d James Garner of Rt. 2, Robbins.

pplications Sought or Farm Woman Honor

Applications for the "Outstanding
Young Farm Woman" award for 1982
e now being accepted by the
orth Carolina Department of
griculture.

The award, presented annually
uring the Young Farmers and
anchers Luncheon at the N.C. State
ir, is given to a young woman who
engaged in production agriculture.
his year the luncheon will be held
ctober 19.

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ounger—who are actively involved
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arolina and whose daily decisions
ffect the overall success of the farm
re eligible to compete for the
ward.

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Department of Agriculture show that
North Carolina has nearly 5,600
emale farmers—almost 6 percent of
he state's total.

The deadline for submitting
pplications to the award is Oct. 1.

Applications are available by
riting: Public Affairs Office, North
Carolina Department of Agriculture,
P.O. Box 27647, Raleigh, NC 27611;
or by calling (919) 733-4216.

Applications are also available
through local Farm Bureau offices in
each county. Completed applications
ould be mailed to the NCDA
Public Affairs Office at the address
isted above.

Home Folks

Charles F. Wilson, administrator of the North Carolina Rural
Electrification Authority, has been named an area representative with the
National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation. He will
represent the co-op lending institution in South Central states from
headquarters in Nashville, Tenn. Before joining the state agency, he was
on the staff of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation, Red
Springs . . . **Dr. Ellen Black Winston** of Raleigh, former president of the
National Council on Aging and chairman of the N.C. Governor's Advisory
Council on Aging, received dual honors recently for distinguished
achievements. She received the first Nathan Yelton Award, presented in
memory of the assistant secretary of the North Carolina Division of Aging
who died last September. Dr. Winston also received the 1982 Evergreen
Award from the National Association of Mature People . . . **John C.
Romano**, who has been on the staff of the N.C. Utilities Commission
Public Staff for the past two years, has joined North Carolina Electric
Membership Corporation (N.C.EMC) as director of rates. The Vermont
native has a master's degree in electrical engineering and a law degree.
N.C.EMC is the power supply arm of the statewide organization of EMCs.
. . . **Clyde McSwain**, a veteran of 32 years' service with N.C. Department of
Agriculture research stations, will retire in October. He has most recently
served as superintendent of the Piedmont station in Salisbury. Succeeding
McSwain will be **Billy Ayscue**, director of the Horticultural Crops Research
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Electric Safety: A Constant Vigil

Electricity helps us in many ways. It gives us a time-saving, labor-saving hand around the house, in the yard and on the farm. It makes our lives and our jobs easier, better, safer and much more enjoyable.

As with most tools, electricity serves you well, unless you misuse it. To save yourself needless trouble and serious mishap, here are some good safety tips to keep in mind:

Consider all electric lines "live"

A good general rule to remember is always be wary of electric wires. Consider all electric lines to be "live" and dangerous. Even if they look like they were insulated, stay clear!

When outdoors be especially careful. Too many avoidable accidents occur from power line contact made by people painting, putting up TV or CB antennas, trimming trees, using metal ladders, or just puttering about. When doing any of these things

outdoors, always remember to look out for power lines.

Downed wires spell danger!

Sometimes you may come across a downed electric line on the ground. It may appear harmless, but don't take any chances.

Every downed wire should be considered dangerous. Don't touch it. Don't go near it. Report it immediately to your Electric Membership Corporation.

If a wire is downed during a storm, this probably means the ground and vegetation in the area are wet. That's another reason to keep your distance. Moisture, like wire, conducts electricity.

Should you encounter a downed wire while driving, stop and back your car away to a safe distance. Do whatever you can to warn others, even set up some kind of roadblock, before you go to notify your EMC. If a

Sailing can be fun, but sailboats' masts—often reaching 30 feet or more—can become a severe safety hazard for they can easily come in contact with overhead power lines. When aluminum masts and electric lines become entangled, the combination may prove lethal to the most experienced sailor.

line crew is not already on the way, one will be dispatched as soon as possible. Co-ops consider all downed lines as a priority emergency.

Working outdoors? Look up!

When working outdoors, take a minute to look up and see what's overhead. If power lines are nearby, keep your distance.

If you're working with a metal ladder, watch where the top goes. Position and move the ladder carefully, making sure that it is securely set. On or off the ladder, remember to look up and look out for power lines.

Mounting TV or CB antennas near electric lines can be extremely dangerous and has been the cause of many serious and fatal accidents. Install antennas far enough away so they will not hit any power lines if they should topple. If a storm blows your antenna into a power line, do not attempt to remove it! Stay clear and call your EMC. And regardless of where your antenna is located, it should be grounded and have a lightning arrestor on it.

Make safety a family affair

Any family that practices safety together will be less likely to suffer the loss and heartache that goes with a serious or fatal accident. Develop and practice a family fire escape plan. Share magazine and newspaper articles on safety—post them on the family bulletin board. If someone in your family has an accident or a near-miss, sit down and discuss how it could have been prevented.

Make safety a habit, especially with the younger members of the family. When a youngster is given a new chore or job on the farm, be certain he or she learns how to do it properly. Continue training and supervision until you are sure the youngster can perform the assignment safely.

Getting Away From It All

I don't know why we did it, but I guess at the time we thought we were having fun. Every summer during the early 1920s, just before the tobacco harvest, my family took one day off and went to Atlantic Beach.

We didn't just get in the car and go; nothing was quite that simple twenty-five years ago.

The night before, my mother had fried chicken, baked ham, and chocolate cake to take along, because there was nothing to eat on the beach. We got up early—about four o'clock—and put on our Sunday best.

After breakfast, we piled into the Model T and rode to LaGrange, ten miles away, and at 7 a.m. we boarded the excursion train for Morehead City. I can still see that train pulling into the station, black smoke pouring from the stack, bells ringing, whistles blowing, brakes hissing, and steam coming out in great clouds.

We settled in our seats and the train chugged out of the station, picking up speed until I was dizzy. It was a hot July day and I weltered in my pink, puffed, long-sleeved dress. Mama and Papa sat together and I sat behind them, next to the window.

On one of these trips, a middle-aged man sat down beside me and tipped his hat, not saying anything, and I looked away, watching the countryside rushing by the open window.

Eventually I stuck my head out the window to feel the wind on my face. The man beside me pulled me back in and held my arm,

making peculiar motions with his other hand, all without saying a word. I didn't realize that for the first time in my life I had encountered a deaf mute. Thoroughly frightened, I began to cry.

My father must have thought the guy was a child molester. Grabbing the man's arm, he slammed him down onto the seat and yelled for

we pulled into the little village of Morehead.

At that time, Morehead was a cluster of buildings on one short street with the railroad in the center; there was no bridge across the sound.

From the depot, we walked the two blocks to the sound, paid our fare, and went across in a small boat. The beach was hundreds and

hundreds of sand dunes reaching from sound to high tide mark, sea oats bending in the wind, a wide stretch of sparkling white sand, ridging and eddying under the restless waves.

We rented bathing suits and put them on in the small bathhouse. No one that I knew at the time owned one. They were all alike—navy blue wool with built-up straps and legs that came down to mid-thigh—and all of them had "Atlantic Beach" stenciled across the front in white letters.

We swam and ate and swam until we were exhausted and broiled to a beet red.

Late in the afternoons we crossed back over the sound and again boarded the train for the ride back to LaGrange.

Tired, stiff and sore from sunburn, I curled up in my seat and went to sleep, waking only to walk from the station to the car, where I promptly went to sleep again.

It took days to recover from our vacation, but somehow when July rolled around again, we felt compelled to go out and do it again.

*Ida Wooten Tripp
Greenville*

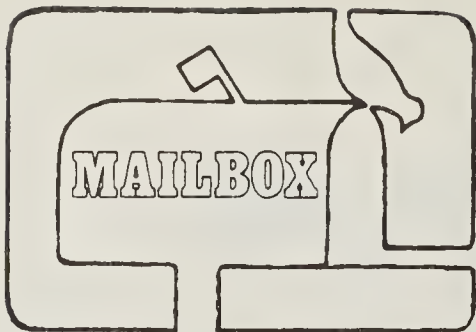


the conductor.

He apologized profusely when the matter was finally cleared up and he learned that the man was simply trying to keep me from catching a flying cinder in my eye.

The rest of the trip was without incident. The train wound through a flat, desolate country of scrub pines and an occasional mimosa tree.

Finally, after interminable hours,



Alternate Energy Sources Can Provide Power Without "Fouling The Scenery or Environment"

The inside front cover of your June, 1982, issue carried an article which is quite interesting to me ("Micro-Hydro" Demonstration Launched). I have for quite a while believed that with this type of operation our mountain region could have ample electric power without fouling up the scenery or environment. I hope to see it extensively developed.

We also have another great source of clean inexhaustible power that as far as I know is totally neglected. Every mile of oceanfront can produce a tremendous amount of power. If the motion of the waves is harnessed to hydraulic pumps to force the water into hydraulic motors geared to generators there is sufficient power for our needs.

Sure, I know that we have the rise and fall of the tides to compensate for and storms which play havoc with shore installations but with the knowledge we have of hydraulics and engineering these problems can be overcome.

I think that seeking high profits without regard for the future of our nation is the chief obstacle to developing such systems.

Electricity is no longer a luxury but a necessity. To me, the greatest hazard of nuclear power is the accumulation of radioactive material which cannot so far be neutralized. It is a hazard to our future for many years to come. There are better ways.

George D. Hunter
Rt. 3, Warrenton

"Keep Up The Good Work"

While Mr. Brownnell (July "Mailbox") has a right to his viewpoint, I am sure that his letter was as equally unsolicited as he claims your publication being mailed to him is. You have a right to your viewpoint as equally as he does. Frankly, I like your fine and well-written publication.

All he has to do is write you a nice

letter and request that you don't mail him your publication. But, I do believe that it was easier to write your magazine and read you the "riot act." I feel his letter is "propaganda" as well as being true "demagoguery." I hope your publication will continue its great work and God bless you for speaking out for rural America. You give your customers a chance to speak their peace and I am proud of you for doing that, as well as the rest of what you do for rural America. Keep up the good work!

Without the co-ops for electricity and telephones, and their publications (such as yours), rural America would still be in the "dark ages" today.

Scott Rigby
Rt. 2, Hiddenite

Dear Mr. Spicer,

In your current issue (May), you have a letter from David Spicer contrasting the dangers of nuclear power and wood heat. Mr. Spicer is either unaware of, or prefers to ignore, the following:

- A large number of people have been killed by home fires caused by wood heat, and a large number of people will no doubt die in the same way in the future.
- People are killed and injured by chain saws.
- People are killed and injured by road accidents due to the transport of wood.

Who Do We Complain To About Spiraling Telephone Rates For Rural Tar Heels?

The article in your July issue on spiraling telephone rates for rural Tar Heels was very helpful and informative. Please advise who to write to complain and ask for help in stopping rural rates from increasing.

Fern S. Wilcox
Rt. 3, Statesville

Since legislation on the proposed deregulation of the nation's telephone industry is currently pending in the U.S. House of Representatives, you might write of your concerns to members of the North Carolina Congressional delegation. Their addresses are listed below:

House of Representatives—The names and office numbers of each congressman are listed below. All

• People are dying and will die result of the large amounts of cancer causing compounds put into atmosphere by home wood burning.

• The rate of lung cancer among uranium miners is small compared with that of tobacco smokers.

• The casualty rate in uranium mining is very small compared with that in coal mines, where we kill, on the average, one miner every two days.

• That the burning of fossil fuels releases natural radioactivity into the air. A coal-fired plant releases into the air at least as much radioactivity as does a nuclear plant.

• Conservation by preventing leaks and drafts in homes raises the natural random radioactivity levels in homes. The levels often exceed government-established permissible levels.

• No one has yet been killed by commercial nuclear power programs including the Three Mile Island accident.

Many independent studies have been made of the risks associated with power production by different means and all have concluded that nuclear power is the safest. However, unlike Mr. Spicer, the authors of these studies took care to inform themselves and include all relevant sources of risk, actual and potential, for all of the means of production.

R. F. S.
Rt. 1, Beaufort

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Tar Heel Youth Tourists Visit North Carolina Congressional Offices

Two participants in North Carolina's recent Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington visited with Eleventh District Rep. Bill Hendon during the week-long trip. With the congressman at the capitol are Sharon Hogsed of Rt. 1, Lake Toxaway, left, and Bonnie Bishop of Rt. 1, Lake Toxaway. The girls were sponsored on the tour by Haywood Electric Membership Corporation, Waynesville. A total of 33 high school students from across the state participated in the program, under sponsorship by 15 EMCs. In addition to the visits to Tar Heel congressional offices, the tour included stops at the White House, the FBI, the National Zoo, the Smithsonian and the Japanese Embassy.



Pender High Graduate Gets National Youth Board Post

A recent graduate of Pender County High School has been named to represent North Carolina on the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Youth Consulting Board.



Sunday Rae McIntyre, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Lee McIntyre of Ivanhoe, was selected for the post from among the 33 high school students who participated in the 1982 Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington.

The tour is sponsored by the state's Electric Membership corporations.

Miss McIntyre was sponsored on the tour by Four County EMC, Burgaw. As a member of the 23-member national youth group, she will attend the 1983 Annual Meeting of NRECA in January.

Miss McIntyre is also president of the state Beta Club.

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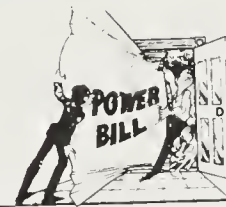
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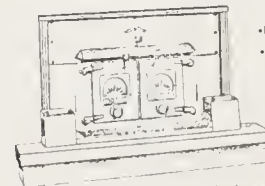


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"The federal government still offers a 40 percent tax credit to an individual who installs a solar water or space heating device," said the program's Christopher Turner. "The same credit applies to wind and hydro facilities. But the maximum amount of credit you can obtain would be \$4,000 on a \$10,000 system."

Turner cited an example to illustrate how the credit works:

"If you paid a solar contractor \$3,000 to install a solar water heating system, you could take 40 percent of that amount, or \$1,200, off the amount of federal income tax you owed for that year. If you do not owe enough taxes to use all the credit in one year, you can use it the next year."

"If you borrowed money to install the solar system, you could deduct the interest on the loan from your taxable income. While this may lower your income bracket so that you will pay less tax, it does not mean you can deduct the amount of loan interest from the amount of taxes owed."

Turner said the federal government also offers a 15 percent tax credit for energy conservation expenditures such as insulation, storm windows, etc. This credit is limited to 15 percent of the first \$2,000 spent on a principal residence.

These tax credits apply to individuals who own their own homes, but business tax credits are also available, at different rates and with different limits, Turner pointed out.

Additional information on the federal and state energy tax credits is available from the Internal Revenue Service and the N.C. Department of Revenue.

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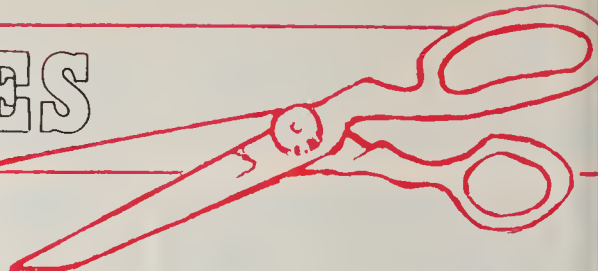
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COUNTRY KITCHEN

Submitted by Margie Bentley of Wilmington

GREEN TOMATO PICKLES

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3 med. onions, thinly sliced
1/4 cup salt
ice water

3/4 qt. vinegar
3 cups sugar
1 T. celery seeds
1 T. mustard seeds

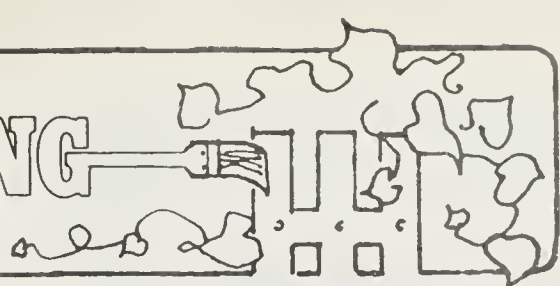
Add salt to sliced tomatoes and onions. Cover with ice water and let stand one hour.

Combine vinegar, sugar, celery and mustard seeds in large sauce pan. Bring to a boil. Drain tomatoes and onions. Rinse in cold water. Add to above mixture and let simmer until hot. Do not boil.

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Co-ops Face Higher Interest Rates

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REA Administrator Harold Hunter, right, chats with Davis Parker of Fayetteville, a director of Lumbee River EMC, Red Springs, during a recent visit to the co-op.



deeper into their fiscal pockets to finance future growth, for much of the financing required for that growth will carry far higher interest rates than co-ops have traditionally faced.

That outlook was presented by Harold V. Hunter, administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration, during a recent visit to Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation, Red Springs.

Hunter said the co-ops will soon be paying higher interest costs because they will be expected to acquire more of their financing from private sources.

"It is not a question of whether they will continue to get financing, but where it will come from," he said.

The co-ops currently obtain most of their financing through the Federal Financing Bank, with approval from REA.

However, supplemental loans are often required, with those funds coming from the private money market primarily through a national cooperative lending institution.

While at Lumbee River EMC, Hunter commended the co-op's board and management for its load management program, which was the first of its kind in North Carolina.

During his brief visit to the co-op, the administrator met with the EMC's board and staff, addressed a group of outside linemen and talked with representatives of the news media.

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Islands, Capes, and Sounds: The North Carolina Coast, by Thomas J. Schoenbaum. John F. Blair, Publisher, Winston-Salem, 332 pages, \$22.50.

The New River Controversy, by Thomas J. Schoenbaum. John F. Blair, Publisher, Winston-Salem, 195 pp., \$12.95.

Thomas J. Schoenbaum, formerly of the law faculty at UNC-Chapel Hill, has written a pair of books that should be of particular interest to students of our state's natural heritage.

Islands, Capes, and Sounds, Schoenbaum's new book, "attempts to synthesize and relate in a form accessible to the general reader, several disparate fields of knowledge—politics, law, geology, ecology, and history."

Schoenbaum arranges his material in three parts: Background ("the natural and human history of the North Carolina coast"), The Regions (nine in all, from Roanoke Island and the Dare beaches to the Cape of Fear), and Protecting the Coastal Heritage

("the political and legal decisions that have shaped and continue to shape the future of the coast").

As the title of the last section suggests, this is no mere history and travel guide. As an environmental lawyer involved in coastal resource management, Schoenbaum takes a clear position on the problems of pollution, erosion, and overdevelopment that face the coast.

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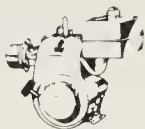
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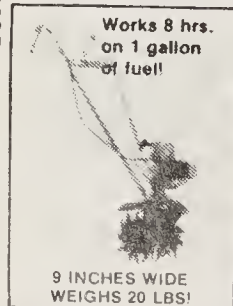
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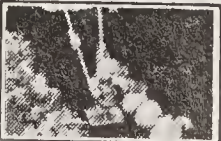
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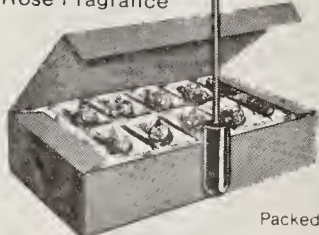


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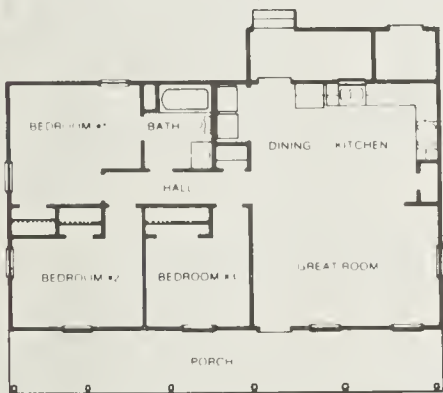
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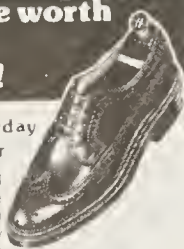
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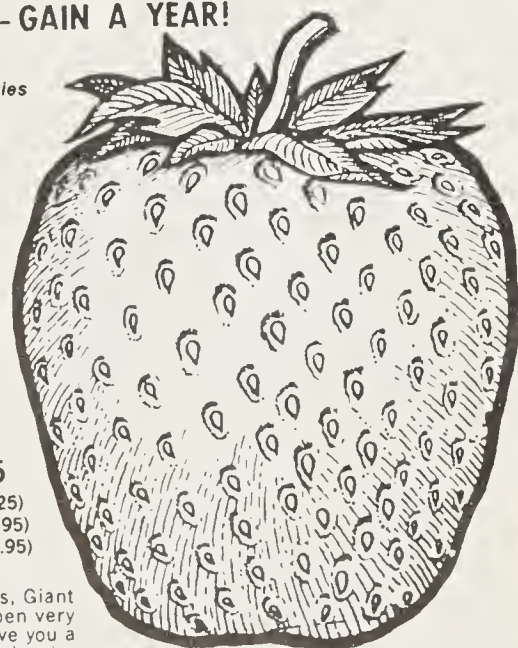
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Entertainment Magic In Old New Orleans

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The City of Jazz will host a World's Fair of its own two years hence, but city officials are scratching their heads over how to avoid the problems that have given Knoxville's version a bad image.

Plans call for the fair to be erected on a site along the Mississippi near the central business district. But a number of old buildings in the area must be demolished to make way for the project.

The biggest dilemma facing the planners is how to cope with the heavy traffic the fair would generate, over and above the influx of tourists that normally flow into the city.

All those worries seemed light-years removed from the old familiar streets of the French Quarter, where Al Hirt and his trumpet still preside over Bourbon Street's ebb and flow of humanity.

It's a curious mix indeed: Conventioneers, dressed in hotel banquet finery, join the shorts-and-T-shirt crowd in "peep lines" outside the strip joints for a glimpse of their fleshy attractions. Tourists, with sleeping babes in arms, wander aimlessly along, stopping briefly to sample the offerings of a banjo-picker or young black boys "tapping for quarters."

Then, there are the ever-present "street people" who give the

Quarter much of its color: a bag woman in black, wearing a white wig, peddling trinkets to passersby; gay men in drag; a tiny woman wearing a frilly dress with a matching hat and fur stole, along with cowboy boots (except when she was on her roller skates).

Of course, the major attraction of the Quarter, as I see it, is the fine food and even finer jazz. And, the best of that music emanates from a dilapidated old building just up the street from Pat O'Brien's famed bar: Preservation Hall.

For a single greenback, you get the privilege of sitting—if you're lucky—on the floor or on a backless bench as part of a shoulder-to-shoulder audience in un-air-conditioned splendor. This is no place to escape the city's sauna-like summer weather.

But, when the jazz begins to swing, none of that matters, for you can lose yourself in the music.

That was truer than ever one evening when "Sweet Emma" Barrett's group was performing. "Sweet Emma," a legendary jazz pianist who's been playing for most of nearly 90 years, now plays from a wheelchair, one lifeless arm in her lap. Using her one good arm, she can still make the old piano come alive.

Most of the Hall sessions feature older musicians, but on this particular night, "Sweet Emma's" group was joined by a remarkable young black singer. She was from the cast of "One Mo' Time," a show about black music of the 1920s that was playing elsewhere in the Quarter.

Somehow, the singer's vocal enthusiasm and spirited performance sparked the band to give more musically. And, the audience responded in kind, with a glow of appreciation.

It was one of those special moments for an audience, as the musicians seemed to be playing not for the occasional applause or the money they'd take home, but for the fun of it.

Even "Sweet Emma" showed a new dimension of spunk. As the band began the opening strains of the classic *Just A Closer Walk With*

Thee, she had a lot to say to the sax player beside her and he had words with others in the group. She'd decided to sing the tune, something she apparently seldom does these days. That young gal wouldn't claim the spotlight by herself!

As her traditional version faded amid wild applause, the band swung into an up beat version for the guest singer.

It was entertainment magic, a pure musical experience, with no need for the elaborate amplifiers, or flashing neon lights that can destroy the intimacy between performer and audience.

This, I thought, is what music was meant to be.

How Jazz Spread Across The Nation

A history lesson in one of the city's tourist guidebooks taught me that a North Carolina native played an important role in the spread of New Orleans jazz into other areas of the country.

A few jazz bands had found success in Chicago and New York as early as 1915, and by 1923 King Oliver and his Creole Jazz Band—with young Louis Armstrong on second cornet—were setting musical standards in the Windy City.

The jazz exodus was then given impetus with the closing of the Storyville district of New Orleans by Josephus Daniels, the Tar Heel who served as President Wilson's Secretary of the Navy. It seems he decided that the tenderloin district where jazz was played wasn't fit for his sailors, so he brought pressure on the city to close the night life of the area.

The ladies of the evening, saloon keepers and jazz musicians left en masse, helping to disperse the music across the land.

Interestingly, the guidebook said, musicians and jazz buffs of Stockholm, Sweden, have declared November 12—the reported date of the closing—a special holiday and jazz music celebrations are held throughout the city on that date.

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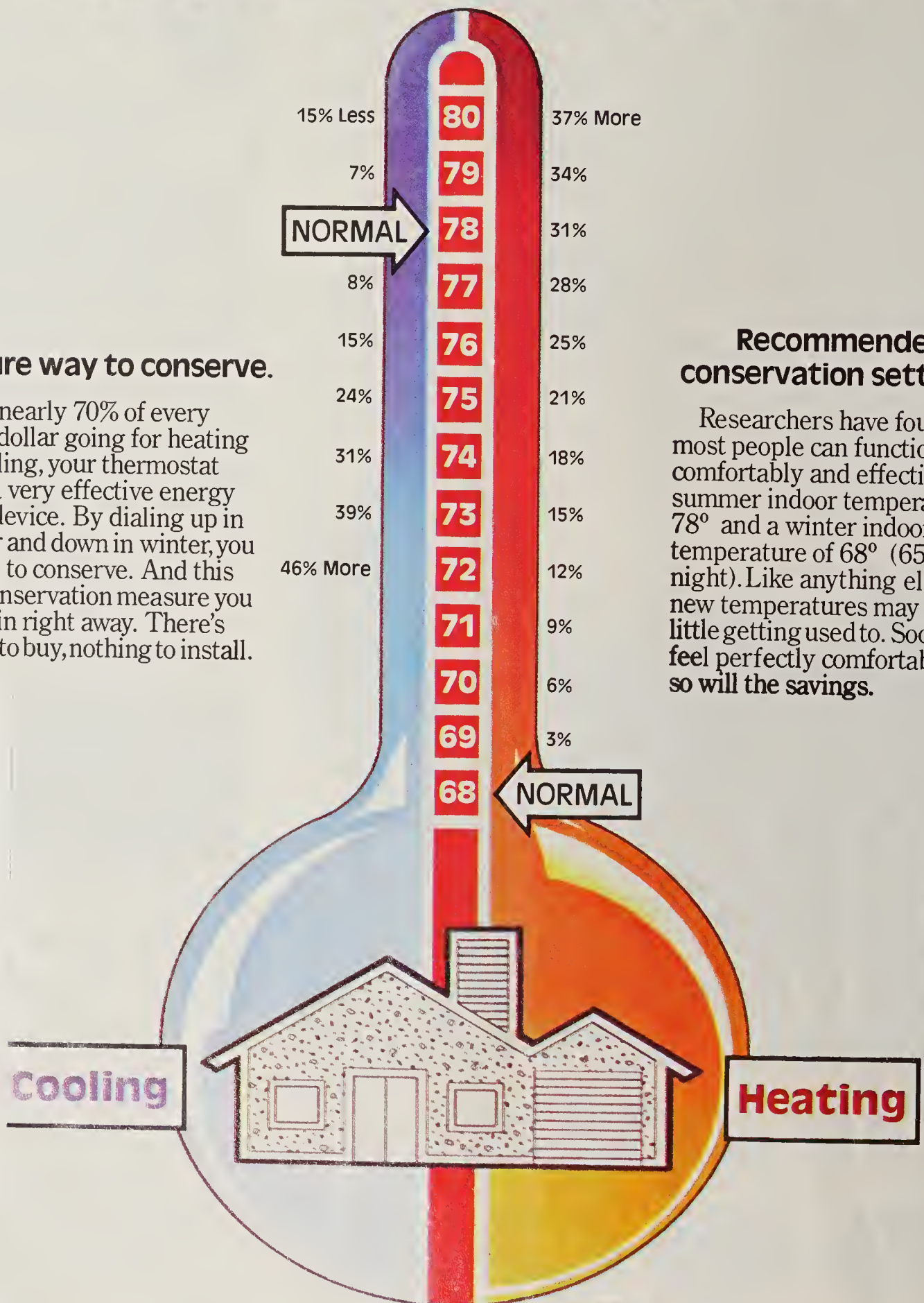
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